

employer pays 101 percent, and the employee pays 101 percent. So I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, did you wish to speak about the Hartnett amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, and then I will speak on the bill later. A point of clarification, I know I appreciate someone else who is serving in a various committee and so on, with this Hartnett amendment, I don't know...there was a portion of the bill of which we have two other retirement bills that may or may not come up again this year addressing teachers retirement, that those bills would have taken care of this factor. What LB 160, as originally drafted, would have done is the increased amount to fund the early retirement provisions that we are talking about, which is approximately 8/10ths of 1 percent, would have fallen on the backs of the school districts alone. I could not accept that and I don't think that the teachers or the organizations wanted that. They wanted the same contribution rate which is a 101 percent, in other words, the teachers would share according to the school districts, and there was a cost to this bill to the school districts and to the teachers. So with that amendment, then I supported the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chizek, on the Hartnett amendment.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I want to talk on the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I would just move this amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, on the Hartnett? Thank you. Senator Nelson, anything further? Thank you. Senator Hartnett, would you care to close on your...

SENATOR HARTNETT: I would simply move this amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Hartnett amendment to the committee amendment. All in favor